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Examiner: D. Redding

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- I. Assay device with at least two chambers;
- II. Assay device with at least three chambers;
- III. Assay method with device having at least two chambers; and
- IV. Assay method with device having at least three chambers.


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Applicant elect for examination, with traverse, the species identified by the Examiner in Group I, assay devices with at least two chambers. Applicants traverse because claims 1 and 23 are generic to all identified species, as they include methods and devices having two or more claimed chambers. It is respectfully asserted that examination of all restricted species does not pose an undue burden.

Claims 1-6, 10, 11-13, and 18-20 read on the elected species. Consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested once the generic claims are found to be allowable. Should the Examiner determine that a telephone interview would be beneficial in resolving any of the issues in this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 651-736-4235.

Respectfully submitted,

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